SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO:	Council	DATE: 27 th July, 2023
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PART I FOR DECISION

MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 14

The following motions have been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14:-

Equality of Care Experienced People

(Moved by Councillor Qaseem, seconded by Councillor Gill)

"Care experienced people face significant barriers that impact them throughout their lives, including discrimination and stigma in accessing services such as housing, education, employment, and criminal justice to name but a few. The public Sector Equality Duty does not currently treat Care Experience as a protected characteristic, and as such Slough Borough Council does not include Care Experience when conducting Equality Impact Assessments of its policies.

As Corporate Parents we have duties and responsibilities to act in the best interests of our Care Experienced Young people and Children Looked After.

Slough Borough Council therefore resolves to;

- 1. To formally support the Show Us You Care Too campaign and write to government calling for care experience to be made a protected characteristic as part of the Government's Independent Review into children's social care;
- 2. That when making any decisions in relation to its policies or formulating its Council Plan it recognises that Care Experienced people are a vulnerable group who face discrimination.
- 3. That it recognises that councils have a duty to put the needs of vulnerable people at the heart of decision-making through co-production and collaboration.
- 4. That in the delivery of the Public Sector Equality Duty the Council includes Care Experience in the publication and review of Equality Objectives and the annual publication of information relating to people who share a Protected Characteristic in services and employment.
- 5. That this Council will treat Care Experience as if it were a Protected Characteristic so that future services and policies made and adopted by the Council should be assessed through Equality Impact Assessments to determine the impact of changes on people with care experience, alongside those who formally share a Protected Characteristic
- 6. For the Council to proactively seek out and listen to the voices of Care Experienced people when developing new policies based on their views"

Bus Lanes and efficient traffic flows at major junctions

(Moved by Councillor Shaik, seconded by Councillor Iftakhar)

"Council acknowledges the importance of delivering Best Value for residents of Slough, and demonstrating evidence based decision making which achieve positive outcomes for residents and recognises the importance of sustainable transport and the vital role which local bus services provides. Council also acknowledges that the residents of Slough have had serious concerns about the implementation and impact of the Bus Lanes across slough.

Council therefore requests Cabinet to:

- Review the implementation of the Bus lanes at the earliest opportunity and will use this to ascertain the current usage of the bus lanes to understand it's true impact on the local environment and journey times and to;
- Explore options to encourage sustainable travel, reduce congestion and deliver positive outcomes for the residents of Slough;
- To support a review of traffic flows at major junctions to understand how we can facilitate reduced journey times for Slough residents and increase road safety."